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By ALY MORRISSEY
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The primary setback stems from a still-pending permitting process, as the village awaits final approvals from the Dutchess County Board of Health and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation regarding septic placement and wetland buffers. A patch of wetlands on the site — roughly five feet by

A meeting with regulators is expected in early July. Stephen Waite, chair of the Millerton Community

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PHOTO BY ALY MORRISSY

Millerton Police Dept. rebuilds after fire; new cruisers on the way

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MILLERTON — After receiving substantial state grant funding in July 2024 and beginning to roll out new equipment that fall, the Millerton Police Depart-

ment suffered a setback when the February fire at the Village Water and Highway Department building destroyed much of its newly acquired gear — including patrol vehicles outfitted with cutting-

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PHOTOS BY LEILA HAWKEN

Crowds converged on downtown Millerton for a street fair featuring live music, food, balloon animals, face painting and local nonprofits. Above, the younger crowd had plenty to do between visiting Bee Bee the clown, face painting from Webutuck students or the bounce castle at the firehouse. Left, the weekly farmer's market offered locally sourced produce and baked goods including bagels from the Baker's Wife. For full story, see page A2.



By GRACE DEMARCO
Special to the Millerton News

As the Town Hall works to relocate to 5603 Route 22 at the former Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness, the consolidation and digitalization of records, as well as the disposal of those unneeded, is a time-sensitive project. Marcy Wheatley, the Deputy Town Clerk, emphasized their current heavy focus on organizing and scanning. "Now, when we move, we can get rid of a lot," Wheatley stated.

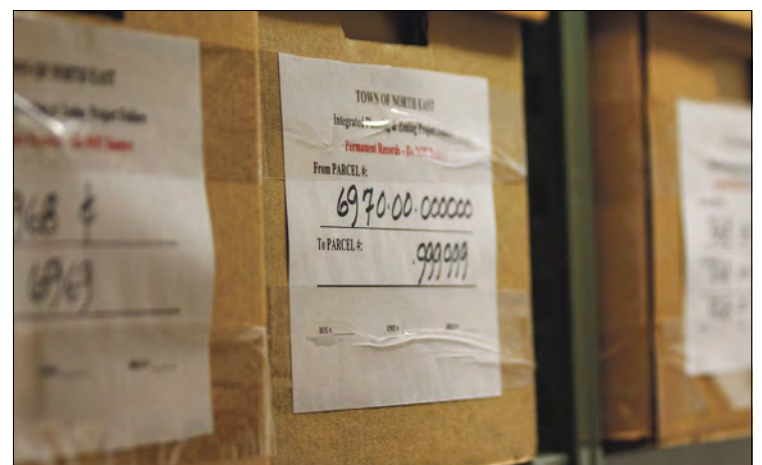


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The digitalization process in North East began in November of 2015, when the program Laser-Fiche was selected due to a grant shared with the nearby towns of Amenias, Dover Plains and Beek-

man. The program was shared until 2024 and now each town scans documents separately to their individual clouds.

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MILLERTON NEWS STREET FAIR



Nora Garcia, 6, of Millerton, bottom right, gets a face painting treatment from Maddy Rowe, a Webutuck High School senior. Nora's sister, Juliana, 8, top right, is decorated by Giana Kall, a Webutuck senior. The program was sponsored by the Webutuck PTA.



PHOTO BY CHARLIE GREENBERG

Bee Bee's balloon corner

Bee Bee the Clown offered everyone attending the Millerton Street Fair balloon figures, jokes and musical sleight-of-hand. "I can make 50 types of balloon animals without thinking and probably around 100 if I concentrate," the most complex being a rabbit in a top hat made from balloons, Bee Bee said. The clown, who also bills herself as Jackie the Magician, merged her two disciplines of clowning and magic to entertain visitors for the length of the fair.

Bee Bee's commitment to her craft appears beyond her performance, as reflected in her brightly-colored outfit and carefully-applied makeup. "The control exercised over the line work detail" of her eye makeup and the proper choice of footwear — no smaller than the size-16 shoes Bee Bee wore — are two of the aspects of clown dress which Bee Bee noted as being most important to her costume.

Fun, food and facts bring crowds to downtown Millerton

Locals and visitors packed into downtown Millerton Saturday, June 28, for the first ever Millerton Street Fair hosted by the Millerton News, the Millerton Business Alliance and Townscape. Representatives from local non-profits, businesses along Main Street, Bee Bee the Clown and face painters from Webutuck

High School drew in crowds all afternoon. Festivities officially opened at 10 a.m., and a steady stream of visitors soon followed. Volunteer firefighters hosted a bouncy castle, a duck pool, a "put out the fire" ring toss game, and the "touch a truck" event at the fire department's garage.

The NorthEast-Millerton Library joined in the fun, hosting a book sale inside and a cookie bake-off on the front lawn.

Live music on the lawn of the Millerton Methodist Church supplied good vibes to those within earshot. The John Stey Band started the morning with classic country, western and bluegrass tunes. The afternoon wrapped up with a few hours of Afro-Cuban jazz from the Berkshire Resilience Brass Band.

Townscape and the North East Community Center joined in participating as non-profit organizations in the Millerton News Street Fair, coinciding with the regular weekly Millerton Farmers' Market that attracts more than a dozen vendors to sell fresh produce, baked goods and more.

Lisa Cope, Village of Mil-

lerton Town Clerk, was there to hand out "Save the Date" cards for next year's 175th Anniversary of Millerton.

"I know it's early," she said. "but it's coming."

Amanda Coppola, the Webutuck Elementary School principal, was on hand to discuss after school programs, and mentioned a new pre-K program for three-year-olds that is the first in Dutchess County.

And Century Boulevard was packed with cars. License plates from across the Northeast could be spotted lining the wide street, including New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts and even Pennsylvania.

Reporting and photography from Leila Hawken, Charlie Greenberg, Nathan Miller and John Coston contributed to this article.



PHOTO BY NATHAN MILLER

Fun at the firehouse

Above, Brody Reyes of Millerton, left, and Aaliyah Velie of Millerton, right, run and play with a beach ball in the parking lot of the Millerton Firehouse on Century Boulevard.

The Millerton Fire Company was a popular destination with its hot food — dogs and burgers and homemade french fries. The volunteer firemen ran

the concession. Patti Lynch-VandeBogart was also on hand with popcorn and flavored ices. Kelly Roger, treasurer and a fire police captain of the department had pulled together the fire department's food court.

A touch-a-truck event for children was popular, leading occasionally to a loud blast of a fire truck horn from an excited youngster.



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

All smiles

Eloise Gerstle, 2 and a half, posed with her balloon animal and her mother, Aimee Couture, both of Sharon, enjoying the fun of the Millerton News Street Fair on Saturday, June 28.



PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

At the farmer's market

Dominick Palumbo of Moon in the Pond Farm in Sheffield, Mass., was busy filling orders.

"I'm happy it's not raining," he said. So was his dog, Chip, who enjoyed his afternoon in the back of the farm truck.

Christine Sergent, Executive Director of the North East Community Center, also

was pleased that the weather cooperated, and checked frequently with Katie Cariello, food programs manager at NECC, which manages the food market, to get a tally of visitors. They were closing in on 500 well before closing. Some vendors were selling out early.



PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

Taking a break at Veteran's Park, from left, Louise Black, Mary Howard and Kathleen Spahn, with Mary's dog Toby, at the Millerton News street fair on Saturday, June 28.

Members of the Resilience Brass Band, from left to right, Shamu Sadeh, Lev Sadeh, Dathalinn O'Dea, Charlie Keil, Sam Earnshaw and Ken Liegner, graced the latter half of the Millerton Street Fair with "Afro-Cuban music of the diaspora" and a healthy amount of whistling.

PHOTO BY CHARLIE GREENBERG



Millbrook Fire Department Carnival returns

By LEILA HAWKEN
Special to the Millerton News

MILLBROOK — Summer fun is just around the corner, thanks to the fire department and the return of the Fire Department Carnival scheduled to open on Wednesday, July 9, and continue through Saturday, July 12, on the Thorne Building grounds on Franklin Avenue.

Opening night activities will begin at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 9. The Carnival will open each night at 7 p.m., remaining open until 11 p.m.

There will be fun for everyone. All activities are free. Visitors can enjoy Bingo, games of chance, rides and games, and a 50/50 raffle drawing each night. Food will be available.

Music will be a feature on Thursday through Saturday. From 8 to 11 p.m. enjoy the sounds of DJ Gourmet on Thursday, Heavy Gauge on Friday, and Rhythm and Blues on Saturday.

Also on Saturday plan to be on hand for one of the largest parades in Dutchess County, starting at 6 p.m., proceeding along Franklin Avenue.

Cellists to perform at Smithfield Church

By LEILA HAWKEN
Special to the Millerton News

AMENIA — As an alternative to three tenors, The Smithfield Church invites music fans to a concert that will feature three cellists in a program called “Three Cello Fellows” to be held on Sunday, July 13, at 3 p.m.

Part of the Bang Family Concert series, three acclaimed New York City orchestral/chamber musicians will play a varied program of all-cello works by Luigi Boccherini, David Popper’s Requiem for three cellos, Bela Bartok duos and selections from the cello suites by J.S. Bach.

Arthur Fiacco, Robert Burkhart and Alberto Parrini have been individually in demand for years, playing in New York City’s most illustrious venues, and with distinguished regional orchestras and ensembles. Their personal career experiences include performances with the New York Philharmonic, Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, New York City Ballet, and Orchestra of St. Lukes, as well as appearances with Sting, Barbara Streisand, Metallica and others.

Arthur Fiacco is well known to Smithfield audiences as occasionally performing over the past 14 years with noted conductor and organist Kent Trittle at the popular annual Trittle organ recitals.

A meet-the-artists reception will follow the concert. All are welcome. A donation of \$20 per attendee is suggested; children are admitted free.

The Bang Family Concert Series presents performances by gifted musicians from the region to Tri-Corner area residents, inviting a warm community of music lovers to gather at the Smithfield Church’s landmark Greek Revival building.

The Smithfield Church is located at 656 Smithfield Valley Road (Route 83), Amenia, New York. The church is air conditioned and fully accessible. For more information: thesmithfieldchurch.org or thesmithfieldchurch@gmail.com.



The E.H. Thompson Hose House ca. 1910.



The old village hall as it is today on Dutchess Avenue.

Historic Millerton building has new owner

By ALY MORRISSEY
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MILLERTON — After sitting dormant for nearly six years, Millerton’s “Old Village Hall” has a new owner. Sold on June 20 for \$255,000 — more than \$5,000 above the original listing price — the transaction marks a new chapter for a building steeped in local history.

The property, listed in February by Arleen Shepley of Elyse Harney Real Estate, had previously been managed by the Village without an agent. According to Millerton Mayor Jenn Najdek, that approach proved time-consuming and generated little interest. With a professional listing in place, the sale closed in just under five months for the vacant property located at 21 Dutchess Ave.

Having worked in the building before the COVID-19 pandemic, Najdek said it had significantly deteriorated over the years. She noted that after the heating system broke, the estimated cost of repairs was steep — even with a grant to help make the building ADA-compliant.

“The interior renovations alone were going to cost around half a million dollars — and that didn’t even include the roof, windows or chimney,” said Najdek. After careful discussion, the Village decided the best path forward was to sell the building and relocate to a rental space on North Elm Avenue, where the Village Offices and Police Department currently reside.

Mayor Najdek expressed enthusiasm for the recent sale, noting that the formerly tax-exempt, village-owned building will now contribute to the local tax base and generate revenue for Millerton. “We’ll place the proceeds from the sale into a reserve account and wait until we find a property that truly makes sense for our offices to invest in,” she added.

Built in 1904 as Millerton’s first firehouse, the shingle-style structure originally housed the E.H. Thompson Hose Company — named after Edward H. Thompson, president of the Millerton Bank and a key figure in founding the village’s fire department.

According to a written history of the Millerton Fire Department — produced in 1992 to commemorate its centennial — the Village purchased the land for the firehouse in 1902, broke ground in the spring of 1904, and later named the company in honor of Thompson.

The document also notes that in 1892, “the Village Trustees adopted the bell of the old Presbyterian Church as the official fire alarm.” That same year, the Village purchased its first hose cart at a cost of \$49.50 with a \$3.98 bell. The growing inventory of equipment prompted the need for a building.

Edward Downey, President of the North East Historical Society, said the original hose cart was restored in 1990 and is now on display at the Firefighting Museum of Dutchess County, located at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck. And, according to documentation provided by the Main Street Walking Tour, “the fire whistle, once in the tower of this village hall, has been moved to the Millerton Fire Com-

pany’s location on Century Boulevard.”

The written history of the Millerton Fire Department also states that in the early 1900s, the E.H. Thompson Hose Company became a founding member of the Harlem Valley Fireman’s Association, along with departments from Dover Plains, Amenia, Sharon, Lakeville, Pawling, Philmont and Pine Plains.

In October 1924, the company officially became the Millerton Fire Department. By 1962, the department had outgrown its original space, prompting the construction of a new firehouse on Century Boulevard. According to historian Edward Downey, the former firehouse was repurposed as a library after the move. When the North-East-Millerton Library later opened, the building transitioned once again — this time into Village Hall.

With the sale of the original firehouse now complete, the 121-year-old structure stands ready for a new chapter — whatever its future holds, its place in Millerton’s history remains unchanged.

Summer Pop-up Market debuts at Amenia Town Hall parking lot

By LEILA HAWKEN
Special to the Millerton News

AMENIA — Brimming with colorful fresh seasonal produce, a pop-up farmers market welcomed shoppers on Friday, June 27 at the Town Hall lower parking lot. Choices were varied, including seasonal harvests of leafy greens and flowers, cheeses and meats, French crepes, and plants, all accompanied by live music and crafts for youngsters.

Sponsored by the North East Community Center and the Amenia-Wassaic Community Organization, the event will repeat on the second and fourth Fridays of each month through Sept. 5. Hours are 3 to 7 p.m.

“I’m excited to see it,” said Town Supervisor Leo Blackman. “We’ve been meeting with the NECC for a long time.”

Pleased with the collaborative effort between the spon-



Awash in flowers within the Piccemeal Farm booth at the season’s first Amenia Farmers’ Market were vendor Ross Pforzheimer, left, with Town Supervisor Leo Blackman and NECC Food Program Coordinator Katie Cariello.



Musicians John Nowak and Christina Dellea provided music for the season’s first pop-up Farmers’ Market on Friday, June 27.



Having brought playful black lab puppies to the season’s first Amenia Farmers’ Market on Friday, June 27, Mark Hussey was pleased to show one particularly patriotic puppy that was a big hit.

soring organizations, Danielle Mollica of the AWCO said that the pop-up market idea was a great way to bring the community together.

Vendors who wish to participate at the farmers market should contact Katie Cariello, Food Programs Coordinator at the NECC. For informa-

tion, go to katie@neccmillerton.org or phone 518-407-7030.

For general questions

about attending the farmers market, call 845-863-4862 or email danielle@ameniasa-

saic.org.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL ENROLLED DEMOCRATIC VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF PINE PLAINS THAT A MEETING OF SAID ENROLLED VOTERS WILL BE HELD ON Sunday, the 13th day of July, 2025 at 3:00 PM at the Pine Plains Community Room located at 7775 S. Main St., 2nd floor, Town of Pine Plains, Dutchess County, New York for the purpose of selecting and nominating candidates for

the following positions to be voted on at the General Election to be held on NOVEMBER 4, 2025:

Town Councilperson - 4 year term

Town Councilperson - 4 year term

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and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting, July 3, 2025.

Meeting called by Jim Petrie

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OBITUARIES

James H. Fox

SHARON — James H. Fox, resident of Sharon, passed away on May 30, 2025, at Vassar Brothers Hospital.

Born in New York, New York, to Herbert Fox and Margaret Moser, James grew up in Hastings-on-Hudson, New York. He spent his summers in Gaylordsville, Connecticut, where he developed a deep connection to the community.

James attended Millbrook School, Ripon College, and the Culinary Institute of America in New Haven, Connecticut.

He proudly served in the Navy and his dedication to his craft led him to later own several restaurants, including the renowned Fox & Fox in Gaylordsville, and most recently, Panini Cafe in Kent. He went on to become a staple at the Cornwall Farmer's Market, known for his delicious soups.

James lived in Sharon, for 20 years, where he cherished the serenity tending to the gardens and property. Perpetually in motion, he filled his days with gardening, tending his property, and engaging in hobbies such as collecting model cars, woodworking, and perfecting his culinary

creations. He never hesitated to take on a new project, no matter the scope. Not many 82-year-olds can say they fully remodeled a bathroom single handedly. After a full day of work, one of his greatest joys was relaxing at the end of the day in front of the fireplace.

James is survived by his constant companion of 22 years, Kathie Dolan; his two sons; Adam Fox of Montpelier, Vermont and Emmett Fox of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania; his brother, Tom Fox of Phoenix, Arizona; his brother-in-law, Gary Sarachan of St. Louis; and several nieces, including Sydney Fox Sarachan of St. Louis, Carrie Fox of Phoenix, and Amanda Fox of Columbus, Ohio. He also leaves behind his grandson, Aidan Fox of New Hampshire, extended family, Erin Dolan, Megan Mollica, Rory Dolan, his dog, Django, and his cat, William.

James will be deeply missed by all who knew him. His unique sense of humor and culinary excellence will live on in the hearts of his family and friends.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements. All services are private.

Richard Stone

FALLS VILLAGE — Richard Stone of Main Street passed away June 25, 2025, at Charlotte Hungerford Hospital in Torrington.

Born Feb. 12, 1942, in Ossining, New York, Richard was son of the late Howard Stone and Victoria (Smith) Stone.

He attended public schools in Ossining and then studied architecture at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York. After graduation he became a licensed architect.

Richard admired contemporary architecture by Corbusier, Philip Johnson, and Louis Kahn, but also many earlier and folk designs. His projects included re-erecting, at the Peabody Essex Museum in Salem, Massachusetts, the 18th century Chinese house “Yin Yu Tang”, and also restoration of the historic Delaware & Hudson office build-

ing in Albany, New York. Broad cultural interests led him to travel around the world, but especially in Caribbean lands and Latin America.

Long a resident of Falls Village, Richard had a concern for the built environment surrounding him. More importantly, he cherished neighbors, church, and friends near and far.

Richard is survived by his three brothers; Thomas of Peabody, Massachusetts, William of Canaan, New Hampshire, and Kenneth of Medford, Massachusetts, their wives, and many nieces, nephews, and step siblings.

A service will be held at Trinity Episcopal Church, 484 Lime Rock Road, Lakeville, Connecticut, on Thursday, July 31, at 11:30 a.m.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

Mary Steele Cooney

SALISBURY — Mary Cooney, 63, a beloved daughter, sister, aunt, and friend, died suddenly of a previously undiagnosed medical condition on Feb. 14, 2025.

Mary was born in Barre, Vermont on Dec. 22, 1961, the first child of Lucy Wright Cooney and George Scatchard.

Mary spent her early childhood in Vermont, later moving with her mother and siblings to Brookline, Massachusetts, Little Compton, Rhode Island, and settling in Salisbury, Connecticut in 1973. Mary attended Salisbury Central School and graduated from Housatonic Valley Regional High School. At Housatonic, Mary discovered her love of theater, choral singing, and was a dedicated member of Future Farmers of America.

During her high school years, Mary, who never lost her joy in play, became the beloved babysitter for many local families. She delighted in playing with the kids, teaching them, loving them, and treasuring all the shared moments inherent in spending time with children.

Mary's love of animals, and especially horses, blossomed during this time. A keen student of horseback riding, Mary acquired her own pony, Queen Anne, when she was 14 years old. Despite her seemingly quiet demeanor, with animals Mary was fearless, and she handled lively Queen Anne with bravery and spirit.

After graduating from Housatonic in 1980, Mary studied at Warren Wilson College in Asheville, North Carolina, and then at Confederation College in Thunder Bay, Canada, graduating in 1988 with a degree in Arts Management. After college, Mary moved to Vancouver, Canada where she worked for a music management group, Michael Godin Management. Mary never enjoyed the spotlight but preferred working hard behind the scenes. Her childhood role as the eldest in a large family prepared her well for the varied demands of managing performing artists.

Mary relocated to Edmonton, Canada in 1998. She loved the relaxed, informal feel of the city, enjoyed shopping for organic food at the local farmers' markets, and developed a strong interest in natural living and regenerative farming. A longtime vegetarian, she enjoyed cooking and sharing meals with friends. She was an exceptionally skilled

knitter and was never without a knitting project. She hated injustice of all kinds and believed passionately in the possibility of a fairer, more peaceful world.

Mary had an adventurous streak, which saw her backpacking through Europe as a college student in the 1980s.

Later, she fulfilled a lifelong dream of traveling to Australia and working on a sheep ranch. Yet no matter where she was in the world, Mary maintained an intense loyalty and closeness to her family. Despite living her adult life in Canada, far from her roots in New England, Mary traveled home for family gatherings in the US and the UK and could always be relied upon to turn up whenever anyone needed her help. She had a special connection with her nieces and nephews and genuinely loved playing with them and joining in their games. A visit from Auntie Mary invariably resulted in shrieks of laughter from her young relatives.

Mary's sudden death came as a devastating shock to her family, who mourn the loss of her wonderful sense of humor, her incredible generosity and selflessness, and most of all, her loving heart.

Mary is survived by her parents, Lucy Wright Cooney, Michael Cooney and his wife, Margot Bridgett, her sisters, Ellen and her husband Peter Mullin, Lorien and her husband Adam Smyer, Beecher Grogan, Alison and her husband Sasha Hinkley, Kelly Cooney, her brothers Bill Cooney and his wife Andrea Reyer, Sam, Chris, and, Aaron Cooney and his wife Cammi Fulvi, and fourteen nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her father, George, and her cherished niece, Lucy Grogan. Mary also leaves behind her beloved Canadian friends, Tristan Spearing, his fiancée Sara Wollstein, and Carol and Joe Lewis.

Mary's memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 26, at 3:00 p.m., at Trinity Episcopal Church, 484 Lime Rock Road, Lakeville, Connecticut. Light refreshments will be served after the ceremony.

The family hopes to reconnect and share stories with local friends in the Salisbury area. We hope you can join us.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Clemmons Family Farm at clemmonsfamilyfarm.org or Oxfam at oxfamamerica.org.



Barbara A. Long

PINE PLAINS — Barbara A. Long of Pine Plains, passed away peacefully on June 7, 2025, at Noble Horizons where she had resided since December. She was born on Jan. 5, 1942, in Queens, New York to the late Otto & Anna (Scheich) Hafner.

A graduate of Fordham University, Barbara earned her Master's in Social Work and dedicated her career to serving individuals suffering from domestic violence, drug, and alcohol abuse within New York State. Her unwavering determination to uplift those around her illustrated her belief in the power of support and understanding.

Barbara's life was marked by her profound compassion and commitment to helping others.

Barbara cherished her family deeply and is survived by her daughters, Jean Prager, Jennifer Loveday, Jodi Pantley and her fiancé, Julio, as well as her beloved grandchildren: Shawn Prager, Gessner Pantley Jr., Delaney Pantley, Jordan Escobar, John M. Long, and Emily Kirschenbaum.

Additionally, she is survived by her brother, Charles (Malay) Hafner, along with several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Predeceased by her brother, Otto Hafner.

Barbara had a deep appreciation for nature; she loved gardening and spending time outdoors where she found peace and joy. Her fondness for marine life was evident in her passion for dolphin and whale watching during her visits to Cape Cod. She also had an affinity for wolves and Native American culture.

Barbara will be remembered for the warmth and love she brought to her family and friends. Her legacy of compassion, strength, and dedication will continue to inspire all who were fortunate enough to have known her. Services will be held at the convenience of the family.

Donations in Barbara's memory may be made to Noble Horizons, Activities Department, 17 Cobble Road, Salisbury, CT, 06068. Please visit www.peckandpeck.net to leave a message of condolence for the family.

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OUR TOWNS

Planning Board hears progress on Keane Stud conservation analysis

By LEILA HAWKEN
Special to the Millerton News

AMENIA — Developers of the proposed Keane Stud subdivision sought advice from the Amenia Planning Board on Wednesday, June 25 as they work to complete a conservation analysis.

Representing the Keane Stud developers was attorney Diana Kolev, Partner of Del-Bello Donnellan Weingarten Wise & Wiederkehr, LLP, of White Plains.

Discussion focused on process involved in meeting the request made by the board's visual impact consultant George Janes for a "reasonable worst case development" as a help toward preparing a Declaration of Covenant document and measuring visual impact on the viewshed.

"The applicants are cre-

ating a list of comparables," Janes said, reporting that so far they have identified examples of homes that could provide models for the type of homes that might be constructed within the Keane Stud development.

The next step, Janes said, will be for the planning board to look at the comparables. Then the Keane Stud developers would set about preparing a three-dimensional model of the site proposal.


"How can the public be brought into the process," asked board attorney Paul Van Cott.

Janes commented that the board needs to decide how much it wants to be involved.

"We talked about Covenant," said board member Ken Topolsky, seeking assurance that any Covenant "will have teeth in it."


"The view from DeLaVergne Hill has no comparability," said resident

Sharon Kroeger during public comment. "It is in history and folklore."



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EDITORIAL

A community celebration

Does this happen every weekend?" It was a question from an out-of-towner who was visiting the Millerton Street Fair held on Saturday, June 28.

"This is like Norman Rockwell's world," said another who stopped at The Millerton News booth on the lawn in front of the Millerton Inn.

The News, in partnership with The Millerton Business Alliance and the North East Community Center, kicked off summer in Millerton with a fact-and-fun filled day of activities, food and entertainment for young and old.

The spotlight was on community and the event was blessed with sunny weather following weeks of rainy Saturdays. One visitor walking down Main Street was overheard exclaiming to her friends that "this is small town America." What this visitor was seeing is the product of years of hard work by volunteers, nonprofits and elected officials to nurture the spirit of Millerton, showing off what they love about their town.

There was a definite sense of resemblance to the depictions of American culture created by Norman Rockwell. In front of the Methodist Church, where a brass band played, two children — a boy and a girl — were absorbed in sword play with balloon tubes just made for them by Bee Bee the Clown.

At the volunteer Millerton Fire Department on Century Boulevard, an inflated slide inside the fire house drew toddlers and watchful parents. Across the street there was a 'touch a truck' event held by the North East Fire District. District Chair Dave McGhee was on hand, along with Kelly Roger, treasurer and a fire police captain of the Millerton Fire Department. Roger had pulled together the fire department's food court, which served hot dogs, hamburgers and home-made french fries along with drinks and cold treats. Families parked on picnic tables outside the firehouse, watching the stream of fairgoers pushing strollers along the boulevard. Every few minutes, the blast of a fire truck siren punctuated the scene, a sign that 'touch a truck' was still happening.

An engineering study recently reported that Century Boulevard could accommodate more than 150 parked cars with perpendicular parking. On Saturday, it was full house of cars with license plates from New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Katie Cariello, food programs coordinator at NECC which manages the farmer's market, had counted 471 visitors to the market by 1:15 p.m. on Saturday.

There was something for everyone. Nonprofit organizations showcased their work at tables on the lawn along Main Street and Dutchess Avenue.

- They included, besides The Millerton News, the NECC and the Millerton Business Alliance:
- Townscape
 - Climate Smart Millerton
 - North East Historical Society
 - The Moviehouse
 - Village of Millerton Eddie Collins Memorial Park
 - Village of Millerton 175th Celebration Committee
 - Webutuck Elementary School
 - Harlem Valley Rail Trail Association
 - NorthEast-Millerton Library
 - Millerton Fire Company
 - Webutuck PTA
 - Irondale Schoolhouse
 - TriCorner FEED

Businesses also exuded small town charm, including Bes, Little Red Bird Studio, NBT Bank, The Elephant's Tusk along with others. Millerton Wine & Spirits held an impromptu wine tasting. Candy-O's ice cream cones were another sweet sign of summertime fun.

The Millerton Street Fair was a fitting tribute to Millerton's hometown spirit. It celebrated the community and the many nonprofits that have helped make the community a better place to live. The many dedicated volunteers who give their time and energy were able to meet to talk about their work with townspeople — not via email or press release, but face to face.

"Let's do it again," was a comment heard more than once by the volunteers who made the Millerton Street Fair a success.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thanking voters for your support

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the numerous village voters who came out to vote on June 17 and cast a vote for me to continue to serve our village as a Village Trustee.

The past two years we have seen improvements to the village, including new sidewalks and field improvements to Eddie Collins Park, and we see more good works in the pipeline for additional side-

walk work, the construction of a new swimming pool at the Park and, hopefully one day, a community wastewater system.

Unfortunately, the Village suffered a huge loss this past winter with the fire and total destruction of its highway garage, trucks, police vehicles and our municipal water control system. To completely replace those losses and rebuild anew will be a multi-year task.

Everyone in village government, including the Mayor and the Trustees has their work cut out for them.

I, as a Trustee, will do my best to help bring these matters along to a sound solution; to continue the work to improve our sidewalks and streets; and to keep Millerton the place to for all of us to call our home.

Dave Sherman
Millerton



A Mayor's invite; Roosevelts differ; lifeguard CPR; rattler on Rail Trail

The following excerpts from The Millerton News were compiled by Kathleen Spahn and Rhiannon Leo-Jameson of the North East-Millerton Library.

July 5, 1934

'Mayor Invites Visitors To Make Millerton Home Town'; Brewer Extends Blanket Welcome To Throng; Greets Boy Scouts, Firemen And Conservation Corps — Pays Vamps Tribute

Extending a blanket welcome to the vast throng which gathered here yesterday for the mammoth July Fourth celebration, Mayor William J. Brewer cordially invited one and all to look upon Millerton, for the day at least, as their home town, and expressed the hope that the day would prove enjoyable. The mayor's address was delivered at the ballpark at the termination of the long and colorful parade which opened the elaborate program.

'One Roosevelt Sees Prosperity In New Deal; Other, Disaster'; President Defends Policies In Radio Speech; Colonel Roosevelt Says They Are Leading To Scrapping Of Constitution And Bill of Rights

Thursday night Mr. Roosevelt speaking over a national radio network, declared that the New Deal was bringing the nation back to prosperity and labeled its critics as either "self-seekers" or "die-hards."

Friday night Mr. Roosevelt told THE NEWS in an exclusive interview that the New Deal was leading the way toward scrapping both the Constitution of the United States and its Bill of Rights and toward financial bankruptcy.

The former was President Franklin D. Roosevelt performing one of his last official acts before departing on a month's vacation trip through South America and Hawaii. The second was Colonel Theodore Roosevelt interrupting a much less ostentatious vacation to consent

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to be interviewed. He is spending two or three nights at the De La Vergne Farms Hotel in Amenia and two of the days angling for trout in Dutchess County brooks.

July 3, 1975

'Millerton Youths Go To Camp To Learn About Environment'; On Sunday morning, June 29, 6 youngsters left Millerton for a week of camping, fun and environmental education. They are attending the DeBruce Environmental Education Camp which is operated by the State Department of Environmental Conservation for 8 weeks each summer and is located in the Catskills at Livingston Manor, N.Y.

'Senior Citizens Enjoy Activities'; With summer in bud the senior citizens of Millerton have been enjoying the countryside. During a picnic at Wilcox Park, some courageous waders took to the clear mild water. The group plans to attend a concert at the park on July 12.

The senior citizens enjoyed an interesting tour and luncheon at the Beekman Arms at Rhinebeck, the oldest hotel in the United States since 1700.

'Silvernails Mark 50th Anniversary'; Lydia and Russell Silvernail of Barton Street, Millerton, celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary at the White Hart Inn, Salisbury, on June 14.

The surprise buffet dinner given by their son, Russell, Jr. of Glastonbury, Conn., and daughter Dorothea of Harvard Mass., was attended by 85 relatives, neighbors and friends.

'Rudd Fares Well Despite The Rain'; Despite the inclement weather last weekend, camping, fishing and picnicking were in full swing at Rudd Pond. Officials from the Town of North East and the Village of Millerton opened the park Friday with an official ribbon cutting ceremony, documented by CBS news. In an unprecedented move in New York State, the local governments took over the operation of the park last week.

According to Rudd Pond Caretaker Leonard Foley, 603 people visited the park during the day, and an additional 288 people used the camping areas between Friday and Monday night. By Saturday night, he said, 31 of the 41 campsites were rented. In the 4 days, there have been 71 campsite rentals.

July 10, 1975
'Passenger Trains' Return Certain, Officials Say'; Passenger trains definitely will return to Millerton, Lettie Carson, president of the Harlem Valley Transportation Association asserted again this week.

'Lifeguards Take Course'; The Denney Memorial Pool was set to close at 5:30 p.m. instead of 7 p.m., July 9-11. This is so the lifeguards at the pool could take a course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation.[sic]

Beginning on July 16, there will be Wednesday night swimming for all residents of Millerton and North East. The time is from 7 to 9 p.m. and all regulations are the same.

'Rent-A-Kid To Open'; The Rent-A-Kid office will open in Millerton on Monday, July 14, in the North East Town Hall on Maple Avenue.

Liz Cohen, Dutchess County coordinator of Rent-A-Kid, described the program as a summer youth job referral agency. She said that youths 14 years old and up with working papers could apply to the office for a job and that homeowners and businessmen should send in job orders to the Rent-A-Kid office. The Millerton Rent-A-Kid office manager, Edward Limoges, will coordinate the jobs with the applicants.

Cohen said that in the past, youths have gotten jobs painting, gardening, babysitting or doing clerical or store work.

'Movie House Packed Tight For Ist Time'; For the first time in its history, patrons

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were turned away from the Millerton Theater, on Monday night. The old movie house was packed to capacity.

According to Tom Babbitt, a manager of the theater, 87 people were refused admission to the evening showing of "Gone With the Wind."

July 6, 2000

'Five-foot Rattler Spotted on Rail Trail'; MILLERTON — A rattlesnake was sighted by a Copake resident on Section 5 of the Rail Trail in Copake last week, said Harlem Valley Rail Trail Association (HVRTA) spokesman David J. Shufelt.

"The snake was about 5 to 6 feet long, orange with stripes, and had seven rattles on it," said Alice Belt, who was on the trail with family members when Brian Belt, Ms. Belt's son-in-law, spotted the snake, believed to be a timber rattlesnake, with its tail towards the trail near a bench.

'Metro-North Opens Stations With Ribbon Cuttings Monday'; WASSAIC — Upper Harlem Valley residents who commute to New York City will have a shorter car ride to the terminal, as Metro-North is scheduled to open its new Wassaic and Tenmile River stations with a ribbon cutting ceremony Monday morning at 10:15 a.m.

The \$20-million project, which lengthens the railroad's Harlem line 6 miles from its current Dover Plains terminus, has been two years in the making.

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The organization and scanning process is a daunting one because the Town Hall keeps historic, business, judicial and assessors records. Town Clerk Elizabeth “Tilly” Strauss explained that it is a learning process to go through the records, organize and keep or destroy based on retention schedules of certain items.

There are two forms of scanning and storing documents that the town has utilized. The Town Clerk’s office uses the system BAS for scanning vital records, minutes, invoices and resolutions. This system is updated constantly as new information comes in, but Wheatley, along with other offices in the Town Hall, has been working backwards to digitize all of the old files as well. Wheatley scans documents for about an hour every afternoon. “That’s what it takes to keep up to date,” she said. There are currently 3324 files in the system.

The other mode of scanning and storing documents is through the IPS system, which gets records from planning, zoning, building and assessors. Chris Virtuoso, who started as a tax collector in 2021, stepped up to lead this half of the process beginning in 2022.

“He had a big task. He had boxes all over the place. He was spread out, he was intense and focused,” Wheatley said of Virtuoso. According to Wheatley and Strauss, the project did not only include scanning and reordering, but a complete reorganization.

“What happened was, a lot of files were under the names of farmers, but they then ei-



PHOTO BY GRACE DEMARCO

Historic handwritten meeting minutes are kept in large tomes at the North East Town Hall.

ther got sold or were subdivided,” said Strauss. “Chris has been scanning and organizing into and by parcel number instead of name.”

Virtuoso first began this project by finding parcel locations on the assessors map and looking through files of names and addresses. He then sorted through boxes to find the parcel numbers, organizing them into new boxes based on zone and ordered by parcel number.

“If somebody buys a parcel now and they want to know the history, they can go down there with the number for the parcel and those folders are in there,” stated Virtuoso. “That was the end goal, to get everything from alphabetical order into parcel number order.”

Virtuoso had also found a log tracking all cases by number, which went back until 2005, and added blank pages for all of the newly-scanned files dating back to 1968. This book is now up to date, and current cases and pages are added every year.

“You become like Sherlock

Holmes,” said Virtuoso. “What I always kept in mind was, when I’m not here anymore, will someone be able to figure this out?”

From his start in 2022 to March 2023 when both planning and zoning were completely up to date, Virtuoso would come to the Town Hall every morning to scan for two or three hours, five days a week, while still maintaining his career as a realtor.

As of March 2023, when Virtuoso wrote a report on his progress, 361 case files were scanned for the Zoning Board of Appeals. He had also deleted and destroyed any duplicates, removed any metal that may damage the documents, resecured the folders, and organized everything by parcel number with room for additional files.

“He went above and beyond,” Wheatley stated.

Virtuoso — and the Town Clerks — are eager to move to the new Town Hall property. “Look, this is an old home, it’s charming, but we need room for all those files, we need

more space and offices,” said Virtuoso.

“I can’t wait,” Strauss stated. “We’re going to have new shelves and everything organized by departments. It’s going to be beautiful.” After condensing, destroying duplicates and scanning, all records will be brought to the new location, however, the digitized copies will serve as backup and for convenience.

Although the process is viewed as an overall success, there are still a few remaining hopes for the future. Virtuoso hopes for collaboration with other towns to buy or lease a large-format scanner for large-scale maps, blueprints, and other important documents that have yet to be scanned.

Virtuoso also hopes to make the Historical Society aware of the rich and unique history that he found within the basement boxes, opening the possibility for deeper understanding of the local area. “The files are important because they do have a certain chunk of history.”

NASCAR returns to Lime Rock Park

By RILEY KLEIN
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LAKEVILLE, Conn. — For the first time since 2011, Lime Rock Park hosted National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing events June 27 and 28.

It was billed as the largest event in modern track history with an estimated 20,000 fans attending.

The action kicked off Thursday, June 26, when a massive hauler parade rolled into town. A “Pit Stop Party” was held at the White Hart Inn in Salisbury where drivers signed autographs and met with fans.

Dan Winkley, hotel manager at the White Hart, said, “We’re super excited to have NASCAR in our town. We have elevated our staffing levels. We’ve got all hands on deck ready to go to welcome in the big crowds.”

One of the drivers at the White Hart was Ben Maier, a 16-year-old making his NASCAR truck series debut. “I’m pretty excited to just figure out the car and figure out what I’m getting into,” he said.

Toni Breidinger, the lone female truck racer of the weekend, said, “I’m most excited to be at a new track. I’ve never been here before, so I think that’s really fun.”

Maier and Breidinger both competed in the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series, a national circuit known for launching the careers of stars like Kyle Busch, Kevin Harvick and Chase Elliott.

On Friday, June 27, at about 11 a.m., the members of the parking team at Trinity Episcopal Church across the street from Lime Rock Park were ready for action. Visitors could park their cars in the field and take a short and leisurely stroll over to the track.

Kent firefighter P.J. Haviland was stationed near the pit lane in case of emergency.



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Lime Rock Park CEO Dicky Riegel, second from left, presented the trophy to Thomas Annunziata, center, after he won the ARCA Menards Lime Rock Park 100 on Saturday.

He said training for the event was extensive and covered most possible scenarios. “It was a simulator,” Haviland explained, which included extinguishing propane fires, cutting off power inside cars, removing steering wheels and similar rescue procedures.

Saturday afternoon brought perfect summer weather for the NASCAR Craftsman Truck LIUNA 150 Race at 1 p.m.

The park was packed for race day. Finn Scribner, of Torrington, was attending his first NASCAR race. “It’s good. It’s loud,” said Scribner. “First time I’ve been here since I was 5 or 6. My grandparents got me tickets for my birthday.”

Frankie Muniz, former star of the TV show “Malcolm in the Middle,” competed in the truck series race driving the No. 33 Ford F-150.

Corey Heim won the LIUNA 150 in dominant fashion, leading nearly every lap of the race. It was his fifth Craftsman Truck series win this season.

After his first-ever race in Lakeville, Heim said, “Seeing the atmosphere and the fans that came out was super cool. Everyone seemed so excited to have NASCAR at Lime Rock. Really hoping they continue this trend and we

can come back in the future.”

Thomas Annunziata won the ARCA Menards Lime Rock Park 100, marking his first career ARCA victory. It was his second race at LRP this year after finishing 2nd in the Trans Am 2 Classic in May.

Lime Rock Park CEO Dicky Riegel said of Annunziata, “He’s a son of Lime

Rock Park. You know, that guy, all he does here is win and podium.”

At the end of the action-packed weekend, Riegel said, “It’s been amazing. After three years of putting this together, it’s just been fantastic.”

Reporting from Patrick L. Sullivan and Simon Markow contributed to this article.

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Park Committee and a former village trustee, is hopeful that approvals will come soon to avoid further delay. “We’ve been advocating for this and planning for a long time,” said Waite. Nostalgic for his childhood summers at the park, he says he hopes to bring the same experience to a new generation soon.

Additional delays have stemmed from the February fire at the nearby Village Water and Highway building, as well as a prolonged contract process with NY SWIMS — a \$150 million state initiative aimed at expanding public access to swimming statewide. Finalizing that contract triggered a new State Environmental Quality Review, requiring a public comment period that further pushed back the timeline.

Despite the hurdles, Najdek remains optimistic. The project is now “99% funded,” she said, with \$7.56 million

secured from three separate New York State grants.

An official Request for Proposals was originally scheduled for release in April but is now on hold until the wetlands and septic system designs are finalized. “We’re waiting for final approval from the county Board of Health and the DEC,” Najdek said. “Once we have that, we can finalize the design and put the project out to bid.”

Current plans and renderings call for a five-lane swimming pool and a 3,600-square-foot pool house featuring locker rooms, offices and a community room with a commercial kitchen. While the original goal was to align the opening with Millerton’s 175th anniversary, that timeline could now be out of reach.

Still, village leaders say they’re committed to seeing the project through — however long it takes.

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edge technology.

Thanks to full-value insurance coverage and swift support from the Town of Pine Plains — which loaned the department a vehicle — Millerton officers were able to remain active in the community. Millerton Police Chief Joseph Olenik said two custom-built, four-wheel-drive Ford Interceptor cruisers are now in production and are expected to arrive by the end of the summer.

“We’re incredibly thankful to Pine Plains for stepping up and offering us a patrol vehicle while we wait for replacements,” Chief Olenik said.

The fire came shortly after the department was awarded multiple grants through New York’s Division of Criminal Justice Services totaling more than \$300,000. The funding has allowed the department to upgrade everything from safety gear to communications systems. According to Olenik, equipment destroyed in the fire will be fully replaced by either insurance or the original vendors.

“We’re really lucky to have Chief Olenik,” said Mayor Jenn Najdek. “He runs the department efficiently and is constantly pursuing grant opportunities to improve equipment and public safety.”

A first grant of about \$82,000 funded essentials like TASERS, body and vehicle cameras, license plate readers and tri-band two-way radios — which will support the county’s upcoming communications system upgrade.

A second grant totaling \$220,000 paid for high-tech

additions including thermal imaging binoculars that can detect individuals and stream live images to officers’ smartphones. The department also used the funding to replace decade-old desktop computers, install new servers for improved data security and upgrade surveillance with an alarm system and indoor-outdoor camera coverage at the station.

Additional upgrades include an electronic fingerprinting system, a 55-inch monitor for virtual meetings and surveillance review, enhanced firearms optics and lighting and a custom-built prisoner bench that saved thousands by being fabricated locally.

Olenik also highlighted the department’s transition to a new chemical deterrent, replacing traditional pepper spray with a safer, faster-cleaning agent that is more effective.

“These grants have been vital to equipping our officers with top-tier technology while protecting taxpayers from additional costs,” Olenik said. “We’ve been very strategic in how we allocate resources.”

The department is now awaiting a decision on a \$45,000 community policing grant that would fund outreach efforts, including “non-shift” assignments for the department’s seven officers at community events, school visits, and other public engagements. The grant would also cover the cost of giveaway items for local children. Chief Olenik expects to hear back within the next month or two.


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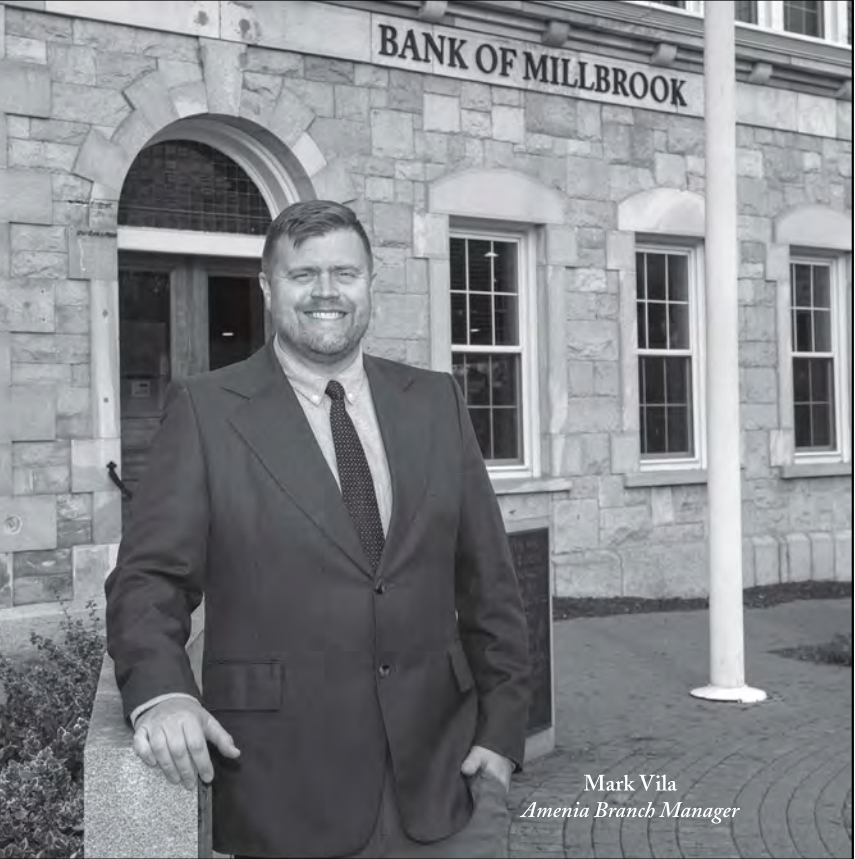
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Taking on Tanglewood

Now is the perfect time to plan ahead for symphonic music this summer at Tanglewood in Lenox, Massachusetts. Here are a few highlights from the classical programming.

Saturday, July 5: Shed Opening Night at 8 p.m. Andris Nelsons conducts the Boston Symphony Orchestra as Daniil Trifonov plays piano in an All-Rachmaninoff program. The Piano Concerto No. 3 was completed in 1909 and was written specifically to be debuted in the composer’s American tour, at another time of unrest and upheaval in Russia. Trifonov is well-equipped to take on what is considered among the most technically difficult piano pieces. This program also includes Symphonic Dances, a work encapsulating many ideas and much nostalgia.

On Sunday, July 6 at 2:30 p.m., the next master pianist, Yefim Bronfman, joins Andris Nelsons as he conducts the BSO in the Shed. Bronfman features in an All-Beethoven program. Hear the Leonore Overture No. 2 followed by the Piano Concerto No. 3, a deeply expressive work that highlights the lively interplay between the BSO strings, winds, and Bronfman’s piano. After intermission, experience the epic Symphony No. 5.

On Saturday, July 12 at 8 p.m. in the Shed, the Boston Symphony Orchestra and Andris Nelsons join pianist Seong-Jin Cho in celebrating the 150th birth year of Maurice Ravel. Expressive, sincere, and wonderful, Cho’s playing is bound to create a rich evening of music that includes “Prelude to The Afternoon of a Faun” (Debussy), “Piano Concerto in G” (Ravel), “Piano Concerto for the Left Hand” (Ravel), and “La Mer” (Debussy).

On Sunday, July 13 at 2:30 p.m. in the Shed, the Boston Symphony Orchestra and Finnish conductor Esa-Pekka Salonen will be a superb combination, along with the energetic young Finnish violinist Pekka Kuusisto. Kuusisto comes from distinguished musical lineage, and he’s equally captivating whether performing classical works or masterfully weaving Northern European folk melodies. The program



Aerial view of The Shed at Tanglewood in Lenox, Mass.

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includes “Tumblebird Contrails” (Gabriella Smith), “Violin Concerto” (Sibelius), and “Symphony No. 5” (Sibelius).

On Saturday, July 19 at 8 p.m. in the Shed, the Boston Symphony Orchestra and Andris Nelsons present the Piccini’s “Tosca,” with special guest singers Kristine Opolais, Seok Jong Baek, Bryn Terfel, Patrick Carfizzi and the entire Tanglewood Festival Chorus, with James Burton conducting. Expect an unforgettable evening in the Shed, with beauty and brilliance at full volume—star power layered on star power.

Beginning Thursday, July 24 at 8 p.m. in Ozawa Hall, the TMC Festival of Contemporary Music kicks off with Ortiz and the Mexican Tradition. This year’s festival runs through Monday, July 28 and features music of Mexican music educator and composer Gabriela Ortiz Torres, Carnegie Hall’s composer in residence for the

2025 season. This superb Festival within a Festival is a proverbial “Box of Chocolates”, where you never quite know what flavor is in the middle until you bite.

On Friday, July 25 at 8 p.m. in the Shed, the Boston Symphony Orchestra and Andris Nelsons welcome Spanish-born violinist Maria Dueñas. At a mere 18 years old, Dueñas has already won the 2021 Menuhin Competition, including the audience award. The BBC also named her as its “New Generation Artist 2021-2023.” This program includes “Air,” from Orchestral Suite No. 3 (J.S. Bach), and “Adagio from Symphony No. 10” (Mahler) before Mendelssohn’s “Violin Concerto”, “Calm Sea”, and “Prosperous Voyage.”

On Sunday, July 27 at 2:30 p.m. in the Shed, the Boston Symphony Orchestra and Andris Nelsons welcome pianist Lang Lang. Lang Lang is squarely in the 100%

not to be missed category, and this afternoon the audience will be indulged with “La Calaca” (Gabriela Ortiz) for string orchestra, Piano Concerto No. 2 (Saint-Saëna), and Beethoven’s “Symphony No. 6, Pastoral.”

On Saturday, August 16 at 8 p.m. in the Shed, the Boston Symphony Orchestra join with German conductor and concert pianist Anna Handler and young Italian-German-American violinist Augustin Hadelich to present the Brahms’s “Tragic Overture,” “Symphony No. 4” (Schumann), and Tchaikovsky’s Violin Concerto. The constellation this evening looks

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PHOTO BY NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Peter Cusack teaching at the Scoville Library.

ART: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Peter Cusack’s vivid color of experience

When Peter Cusack first moved from New York City to Torrington, Connecticut pre-Covid, he thought he was going to be alone. “Wasn’t that ridiculous?” he said now, laughing. “I thought I was the only artist up here. Then I quickly learned that if you throw a stone, you hit an artist.”

In 2019, Cusack launched the Journal of Cornwall Contemporary Art (COCOA), originally imagined as a sort of art salon-meets-magazine-meets-espresso bar. “I realized I could channel this energy and give all these artists something to do and write about,” he said. “I had this idea of creating an exhibition space modeled after the Center for Italian Art in Soho,” he continued. “It would be beautiful, with a library and an espresso machine... but I couldn’t

pull it off. I just needed more money than I had.”

So instead, he built the magazine. “I thought, let’s create a space for conversation. It was a literary magazine for artists.” COCOA ran quarterly for four years but quickly became a full-time endeavor, filled with deeply considered layouts and writing. “Production took over and it just became 24-7. I wasn’t painting. It was too much.”

Today, Cusack balances painting, teaching, and mentoring and infuses it all with his own blend of formal rigor and improvisational warmth. He teaches regularly at the Scoville Library and White Hart Inn in Salisbury, as well as one day a week at The Art Studio NY. His program, “The Vivid Color of Experience,” combines traditional skill-building with

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2024 High School Theater Apprentice Alex Wilbur building scenery.

THEATER: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Playhouse apprentices

The Sharon Playhouse has announced its 2025 cohort of High School Theater Apprentices, a group of talented students from Housatonic Valley Regional High School (HVRHS), made possible through an ongoing partnership with the 21st Century Fund for HVRHS.

This summer, five students — Sara Ireland (Salisbury), Jackson Olson (Falls Village), Celestia Galvin (Sharon), Mira Norbet (Sharon), and Ishaan Tantri (Lakeville) — have been selected for the prestigious Theater Apprenticeship Program. Now in its fourth year, this competitive opportunity immerses

high schoolers in the full spectrum of professional theater production.

Funded through a generous grant from the 21st Century Fund, an independent nonprofit that champions innovative education, the program places students alongside theater professionals and Broadway veterans at the Sharon Playhouse. Apprentices receive hands-on experience in scenic design, stage management, lighting, sound, arts administration, and more.

“The 21st Century Fund’s support has been transformative,” said Michael Kevin Baldwin, Education and Community Director at the Playhouse. “These students

aren’t just observing, they’re contributing in meaningful ways. They’re building confidence and gaining real insight into careers in the arts.”

The impact of the program is deeply felt by its alumni. “My four weeks at the Playhouse were the best part of my summer,” said Katelin Lopes, a 2024 apprentice. Fellow apprentice Tess Marks added, “Everyone I worked with was incredibly kind, supportive, and interested in helping me succeed. This opportunity was incredibly valuable to me.”

For more information and a schedule of performances, visit: <https://www.sharonplayhouse.org>

...vivid color of experience

Zen-inflected awareness and encouragement. “The idea is that all of your life’s experience gives you momentum for learning,” he explained. “Everyone already comes with so much; they just need to be shown the path.”

Cusack’s teaching style is hands-on but reflective. His curriculum is structured, but always responsive to the individual. “When someone’s doing independent study, they come to a block, and that’s when I start really teaching. When their teacup is empty, that’s when I add a little.”

His students often express amazement at what they can do under his guidance. “People say, ‘I didn’t know I could draw this,’ or ‘This is the first time anyone has actually taught me.’ That’s why I’m so passionate about it.”

Rebecca Schweiger, founder of The Art Studio NY, said of Cusack, “He’s devoted to his students, and they adore him. People are so surprised at how much they can learn in such a short time.”

After graduating from Syracuse University as

an English major, Cusack spent five years in publishing, including at “Consumer Reports.”

“I was sitting in front of a computer all the time, and I hated it,” he said. So, he left it behind and moved to rural France to study painting under Ted Seth Jacobs, the late master draftsman and Zen-influenced teacher. “There was no cell service, just a pay phone in the village,” Cusack recalled. “I was 28, 29 years old. I became very romantic about it. I learned French, taught my girlfriend to drive stick shift in the fields. It was a movie.”

That year changed everything. “Everything I teach here really comes from that time,” he said. “He (Ted Seth Jacobs) really showed me how to actually do things. Once it clicked, I was off and running.”

He now draws from his hybrid background in painting, publishing, and illustration and distills it into clear lessons for his students. At 53, Cusack says he’s enjoying a creative life he only once dreamed about.

His paintings have been shown at Mary

MacGill in Germantown, Judy Black Memorial Park in Washington Depot, and Craven Contemporary in Kent. His work is in the permanent collections of the New York Transit Museum, the Museum of American Illustration, and the United States Air Force Art Collection. His name appears in the pages of “Architectural Digest,” “New England Home,” and “An Illustrated Life.”

Yet, it’s teaching that most feeds him. “Painting is a wonderful way to interact with the world,” he said, “and teaching — especially up here — connects me to the

BOOKS: LEILA HAWKEN

Drawn together: Secrets of the design world

An appreciative audience gathered on the patio at the architecturally and historically significant Troutbeck Conference Center on Friday, June 27, to hear a guided panel discussion of the newly published book, “Drawn Together: Studio DB: Architecture and Interiors.”

The permanence of the setting within Troutbeck’s stone exterior wall and patio under ancient sycamores provided a setting for an intimate discussion of architecture, design and the creative process.

Moderator and design tracker David Graver, Chief of “Surface Magazine,” guided the discussion to probe the design philosophy and creative collaborative process that leads to successful spaces at the hands of local authors Britt (design expert) and Damian (architect) Zunino. They live with their four children not far from Troutbeck.

Having built their Amenia home ten years ago, Britt said that in addition to being neighbors to Troutbeck, they are also members. They also enjoy being active with the Wassaic Project.

“The Troutbeck community is amazing,” Damian said, “so many

creative people, artisans and collaborators.” Those three themes were prominent during their conversation with the moderator.

“The book is a record of the body of our work,” Britt said. “We spoke of collaboration.”

“Every project is specific to our clients,” Damian said. “We want to tell their stories. Narrative is important.”

Turning to Studio DB itself with Graver’s question about role division, Britt replied that it is a dialogue — a push and pull — but that she and Damian respect each other.

“The melding of ideas makes the project stronger,” Damian added.

Both agreed that working together for the last 18 years has been rewarding.

Asked about creative conflicts, Britt explained that the two debate and compromise. Together, they have figured out what is really important.

Britt replied that they are always seeking inspiration, sometimes finding it in quiet places. Damian added that just being in Amenia gives them time to think

through ideas.

Recent Studio DB projects have been completed in Texas and California. The two are about to begin work on two townhouses in Brooklyn Heights. Britt described her current interest in design of wallpaper and murals.

Their design process involves all-important collaboration and gaining an understanding of the client by communicating at length.

“It’s a large community of collaborations that are part of the design process,” Damian said, emphasizing the team aspect.

The first project ever done years ago by Britt and Damian was to design a pet store.

“We had zero budget,” Britt recalled. They designed and executed the cabinetry, although neither of them possesses that skill.

“It was the cutest pet store,” Britt added.

“If we’ve never done it before, there is the exciting challenge,” Damian said. “Drawn Together: Studio DB: Architecture and Interiors” is available at Oblong Books in Millerton.

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to become especially bright, colorful, and passionate. Plan to come early and stay late.


On Sunday, August 17 at 2:30 p.m. in the Shed, the Boston Symphony Orchestra welcomes conductor Dima Slobodeniouk, who was born in Moscow and settled in Finland. Pianist Jean-Yves Thibaudet is another musician not to miss; every appearance is fresh and lively. This program includes “Threnody (In Memory of

Jan Sibelius)” by William Grant Still, “Piano Concerto No. 2” (Liszt), “Valse triste” (Sibelius), and “Symphony No. 3.” (Sibelius).


The 2025 Tanglewood season promises to be another exciting one. A quick note: the BSO has faced issues with ticket resellers posing as official sources and charging inflated prices. To avoid this, be sure to purchase tickets in advance only through bso.org.

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Catching and kvetching in the Catskills

I recently returned from a week's vacation at the ancestral manor in the Catskill village of Phoenicia.

Few things are as tedious as kvetching about the weather, but kvetch I must.

During my week off the weather went from a good impression of the Northeast in late September to Las Vegas in August.

The first day dawned clear and positively chilly at 55 degrees. I went to a nearby stretch of Woodland Valley Creek where I had unfinished business in the form of a brown trout I hooked last year and failed to bring to the net. In Tangled Lines parlance, this is called a “compassionate release.”

It's a tricky bit of stream that comes down in riffles and pockets and empties into a wide basin hemmed in by a modest cliff on the river right side and a couple of boulders on my side.

You can stand on the boulders and scare everything, or you can creep around and crouch behind the boulders, peering over them in the vain hope of seeing what you're doing.

After conventional tactics failed, I rigged up two heavy nymphs, one drab and one sparkly, on a 10 foot Tenkara rod.

The length of the rod gave me barely enough leverage to keep the line tight while perched behind my boulder.

The third time
through something
tugged at the other end.
I thought it was a rock at
first but then it moved
around.

Fish on!
(I never say “fish on!”)

At this moment the Zen simplicity of the fixed-line rod went out the window as I was confronted with a) keeping the fish hooked while b) getting upright from a baseball catcher's crouch and savoring the resulting back pain while c) scrambling around the boulder in order to d) step into the deceptively deep hole, almost falling face-first into the water.

Somehow I kept this 15 inch or so brown trout on until the very last moment, when it came unbuttoned but e) hung



PHOTOS BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Scenes from a week of fishing in upstate New York in mid June.



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there in the soft water for a split second, just long enough for me to slide the net under it.

The brown took the
sparkly nymph, in case
you were wondering.

My main fishing buddy Gary Dodson took the wheel the next day for an extended tour of the Beaverkill watershed, with a pit stop beforehand to play with wild rainbows in a small brook near the Pepacton reservoir.

Along the way we stopped in Livingstone Manor at Dette's fly shop, which is halfway between a retail business and a shrine. I bought some isonychia patterns I didn't need for the good of the house.

And we visited another fly tyer, Quinn Still-Zinsel of Quinn's Fly Box (see his shop on Etsy).

Of course this made me think of the Bob Dylan song “The Mighty Quinn.” Instant earworm.

We hit a lovely stretch adjacent to the state campground on the Beaverkill, where I was pleasantly surprised by a couple of decent-sized brown trout that grabbed my Chubby Chernobyl in lieu of the nymphs and wet flies I had tied on a dropper.

This is why I prefer a dry-dropper rig, where the big bushy and highly visible dry fly serves as an indicator, to indicator rigs.



Indicators don't have hooks in them.

My nomadic attorney Thos. showed up the next day, and we investigated a little blue line. I caught wild brookies and browns, half a dozen of each, and all on a size 10 Parachute Adams that was subsequently retired to the Chewed-Up Fly Hall of Fame. The white post was completely gone, and most of the tail. Makes me wonder just how picky these fish are, anyway.

Then it got hot.

Way up in my valley,
it's usually five to 10
degrees cooler than it is
down in the cities of the
plain.

Well, on the second day of the heat wave it was 102 in the shade. That means it was worse down below. I don't know for sure because I didn't go anywhere.

Instead I read Lee Child's Jack Reacher novels and hydrated.

There were two small-mouth attempts, a stupid and futile effort at dawn at Chimney Hole on the Esopus, and an afternoon assault on the Schoharie in Prattsville.

Just as the 2025 Colorado Rockies occasionally win a ballgame, Thos. outfished both Gary and



must watch DVDs.

We watched episodes of the 1941 Republic Pictures serial “The Drums of Fu Manchu,” as an appetizer before the main events, which were:

“Shatter,” a 1974 epic about an international assassin trying to make sense of Peter Cushing’s wind-swept hair; “The Big Bird Cage,” a 1972

women in prison flick that is thoroughly appalling in every possible way; "The Legend of Hell House" (1973) with Roddy McDowell pursing his lips and a revealing visual essay on the state of British dentistry; and "The Devil Rides Out," a 1967 devil movie with Christopher Lee as the hero for a change.

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LGBTQIA+ Game Night

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The David M. Hunt Library will partner with Out in the Corner to host LGBTQIA+ game night on Thursday, July 3, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Bring your own game, play one of the games provided, or just come to hang out. This program will be held monthly on the first Thursday of the month.

Annual Cake Auction and Party

Sharon Historical Society & Museum, 18 Main St., Sharon, Conn.

July 3 at 5:30 p.m.

One of Sharon’s favorite summer cocktail parties and biggest fundraiser of the year for the Historical Society. Local bakers compete with creative cakes—some whimsical, some stunning, all delicious. Bid high, eat well, and meet new Executive Director Abbey Nova.

JULY 5

Book Sale

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org

Saturday, July 5, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Come browse our great selection of books, as well as audio books, DVDs and more! New books upstairs and well loved down in the basement. Children’s books are FREE downstairs.

Small Engines Workshop

Rock Steady Farm, 41 Kaye Road, Millerton, N.Y.

July 5, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. In this training, participants will learn how two stroke and four stroke engines function and their various parts. Folks will come away with a better understanding of how to prevent common issues with their small engines as well as basic diagnostic knowledge. This class is ideal for folks who have operated small engines and would like to learn the mechanics of their equipment. Bring your own small engine to learn with, if you have one. www.rocksteadyfarm.com/registration/working-with-small-engines-2025

JULY 8

“The Wizards School of Magic” Workshop with Tom O’Brien

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org

On Tuesday, July 8, 3:30 p.m., join magician Tom O’Brien in this fun,

fantastic “Wizard School” magic workshop and learn four new magic tricks to stun your family and amaze your friends at the David M. Hunt Library. Please register on our website or contact the library before the spaces – alakazam – disappear!

JULY 9

Garden to Table Series: Pickling

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org

Wednesday, July 9, 3:30 p.m.

Our community garden is bursting with delicious vegetables — let’s use them! Join us for Garden Club on alternate Wednesdays June through August for Garden to Table, where we’ll take vegetables from the community garden and use them to create delicious bites. On July 9 we’ll be Pickling using beans, fennel, and more from the garden. You can also bring your own produce from home! This event is free and open to the public.

JULY 10

Fossil Dig at the Library

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org

Thursday, July 10, 3:30 p.m.

We’re bringing the dig to the David M. Hunt Library! Experience paleontology for yourself at our mini fossil dig with REAL fossils to find and identify on July 10th at 3:30pm. Participants will “dig” through sand, rocks, and shells for micro- and small fossils namely from the Miocene era, and work to identify what animal they belonged to while learning more about early life on our planet. Let’s get digging! This event is free and open to the public.

Painting Music at Music Mountain

Gordon Hall, 225 Music Mountain Road, Falls Village, Conn.

On Thursday, July 10 at 3 p.m., there will be a multigenerational event where artists, amateurs, and beginners paint while listening to live music. Guided by Vincent Inconiglios and Artistic Director Oskar Espina Ruiz. Materials provided. Rain or shine, held indoors. Tickets: Adults \$20; Students, Teachers, Veterans \$10; Under 19 free (please reserve free tickets in advance).

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JULY 11

Learn to Play Fridays

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org

Every Friday from 3 to 5 p.m., level up your game skills at the library this summer with our Learn to Play Fridays! Every Friday this summer we’ll be teaching and playing all kinds of old-school, screen-free card games. Stop by July 11 for UNO, War, and Cheat; July 18 for Euchre; and July 25 for Bridge. These events are free and open to the public.

Finding Nemo, Jr.

Sharon Playhouse, 49 Amenia Road, Sharon, Conn.

Friday, July 11 at 2 p.m. and Saturday, July 12 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

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A Haitian man travels from Miami to California on a once-in-a-lifetime road trip and, years later, his gay son travels the same route in reverse. These parallel journeys allow them to forge a connection that had eluded them for years.” *Where the Mountain Meets the Sea* was previously produced by Manhattan Theatre Club.

Summer Concert Series: Jonny Grusauskas

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org

On Friday, July 11 at 6 p.m., The David M. Hunt Library and the Falls Village Recreation Committee are excited to offer a summer concert series on the lawn of the David M. Hunt Library. On July 11 at 6 p.m. the library will host Jonny Grusauskas. Jonny is a founder of the Music Celler in Millerton, N.Y., a space dedicated to music education. He performs solo and as part of the band lespecial. Pack a picnic, bring chairs or a blanket, and join us on the library lawn for music this summer! The second concert will be a Community Open Mic on Friday, Aug. 8 at 6 p.m. These events are free and open to the public.

Last week’s WotW

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JULY 12

Book Signing

The Wish House lawn, 413 Sharon Goshen Tnpk., Cornwall, Conn.

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 12, author Gregory Galloway will be at the West Cornwall farmer’s market with copies of his latest book, “ALL WE TRUST.” In the book, what starts out as a family squabble turns into an international battle between competing crime organizations, moving from small town New England to San Francisco to Mexico.

Ingrid Freidenbergs: COLLAGE REDUX!

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org

Exhibit: July 12 through August 8

Reception: Saturday, July 12, 5 to 7 p.m.

Art Talk: Thursday, July 24, 5:30 p.m.

This exhibit features the richly layered collages and box constructions of Latvian-born artist Ingrid Freidenbergs, whose work has been praised by The New York Times for its sensitivity, atmosphere, and historical depth.

JULY 13

July Fest

Cornwall Village Green, Pine St., Cornwall, Conn.

Fun for all ages Sunday, July 13, from 5 to 8 p.m. on the Green. Come dance with music by The Joint Chiefs and food from Hot Z’s, Nibbles n’ Noms and Peter Doda’s Ice Cream. Games, face painting, slime with Makayla, and hose off with a fire truck.

JULY 15

Book Release: The Met and Its People, by Jonathan Conlin

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org

On Tuesday, July 15, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., author Jonathan Conlin and art historian Michael FitzGerald discuss Conlin’s new book. This groundbreaking bottom-up history reveals behind-the-scenes stories of the people who shaped the Met, from artists and curators to museum goers and security guards. Registration is required, and information is available at scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/14156442

JULY 16

Peace Corps Program

Kent Senior Center, 16 Swift Lane, Kent, Conn.

Five Kent Residents who served in the Peace Corps in the 1960’s and 1970’s will speak at the Kent Senior Center on Wednesday, July 16, at 11 a.m. as part of the “People and Places of Kent” series co-sponsored by the Kent Senior Center and Kent Historical Society.

JULY 17

Modern Calligraphy Workshop with Debby Reelitz

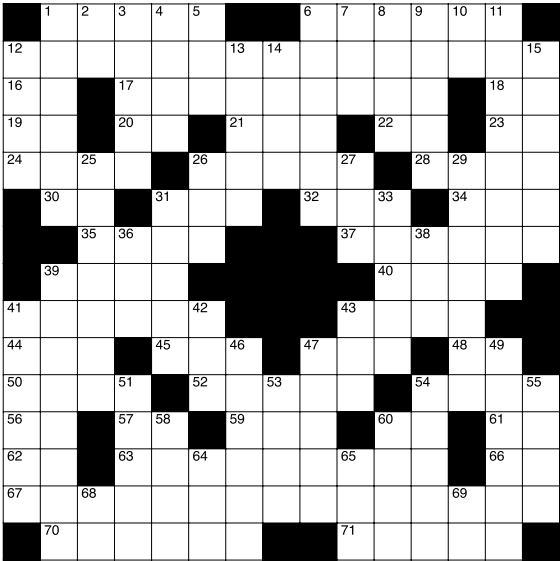
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On Thursday, July 17, 4 p.m., come learn the popular and playful Modern Calligraphy with calligrapher Debby Reelitz at the David M. Hunt Library! In this workshop, you will learn where this style comes from, strategies on how to create this lettering style and projects to use the skills you have learned. No experience necessary! More information about Debby Reelitz is available at: letteringdesign.com This program is free and available for ages 8 – adult or younger with permission. Sign up today or contact the library to register.

Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS

- Notes
- Long-haired dog breed
- ESPN’s nickname
- Spanish be
- Disadvantage
- Of I
- Actor Pacino
- On your way: ___ route
- Fifth note of a major scale
- Companies need it
- News agency
- Faces of an organization
- Ponds
- Samoa’s capital
- Partner to “Pa”
- Adult male
- Cool!
- Used of a number or amount not specified
- No No No
- Hosts film festival
- British place to house convicts
- Made of fermented honey and water
- Chief
- College army
- Thyroid-stimulating hormone
- Consume
- One point north of due east
- For instance
- Brews
- Alaskan river
- Not soft
- Atomic #22
- “The Golden State”
- “The world’s most famous arena”
- Larry and Curly’s pal
- One billion gigabytes
- Conducts inspections
- Malaria mosquitoes
- Unit to measure width
- Features
- Affairs
- Letter of Semitic abjads



- Put on
- Influential Norwegian playwright
- Christian __, designer
- Fulfills a debt
- Style
- More (Spanish)
- A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- Remedy
- Disturbance
- “The Martian” actor Matt
- Express delight
- Brooklyn hoopster
- 1900 lamp
- Motionless
- One’s mother (Brit.)
- Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- Compels to act
- Gardening tool
- Ancient country
- Frightening
- Wimbledon champion Arthur

- Popular plant
- Database management system
- Gasteyer and de Armas are two
- Where soldiers eat
- Tenth month (abbr.)
- Illuminated
- Atomic #18
- Adults need one to travel

June 26 Solution

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Level: Intermediate

June 26 Solution

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OUR TOWNS

Copake home sales tick up before summer season

By CHRISTINE BATES
Special to the Millerton news

COPAKE — Communities with lake front properties like Salisbury and Goshen in Northwest Connecticut and Copake in Columbia County are especially active in May as properties viewed in spring close in anticipation of spending the summer on the water.

Columbia County's Clerk recorded eight property transfers in May including five single family homes ranging in price from \$170,000 to \$5.6 million. Copake's real estate market appears set to continue at this pace in June with 25 single family homes for sale and an additional 10 pending sale.

1175 County Route 27A — 6 bedroom/7 bath single family home on 133.4 acres sold by Robert and Donna Golden to Marc Robbins and Carol Chang as Trustees of Robbins Chang Family Trust for \$5.6 million recorded on May 8.

49 Snyder Pond Road — 5 bedroom/3.5 bath home on 3 acres sold by Shadic Builders Inc. to Michael Martinez and Michelle B. Cherande for \$1,724,500 recorded on May 12.

175 Snyder Pond Road — 3 bedroom/2.5 bath home on 4.43 acres sold by Liberty Home Development LLC to Frank and Patricia A. Bogucki for \$614,000 recorded on



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

Built in 2024 this new three-bedroom home at 175 Snyder Road in Copake sold for \$614,000.

May 12.

244 Weedmine Road — Easement sold by John A and Cindy Heck to United States of America for \$68,670 recorded on May 14.

County Route 7 — 43.55 acres of vacant residential

land sold by A Great Pear LLC to Part Deux LLC for \$440,000 recorded on May 16.

156 Farm Road — 4 bedroom/1 bath single family on 4.2 acres sold by Yvonne J. Hyatt to LZU NY LLC for

\$170,000 recorded on May 21.

Cambridge Road — 8.6 acres vacant residential land sold by Deborah Minton to J&J Sunset Ridge LLC for \$260,000 recorded on May 22.

1170 Lake View Road — 3 bedroom/1.5 bath lake front single-family home sold by Misty Robinson Pondview LLC to Silvia Lopez, Christopher Patton and Jennifer A. Montgomery for \$650,000 recorded on May 27.

**Town of Copake real estate recorded as sold with consideration is derived from Columbia County public deed transfers and active listings data reported from realtor.com, and Trulia.com. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Advisor with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in Connecticut and New York.*

DUTCHESS COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Dutchess County Sheriff's Office Harlem Valley activity report June 20 to June 25

June 20 — Deputies responded to East Main Street in the Village of Pawling for a fraud complaint. The caller reported being scammed of over \$9,000 as the result of an online advertisement/employment scam. Case to be assigned to the Detective Bureau for further investigation.

June 23 — Deputies Russo and Carney responded to 59 Holly Hill Drive in Dover for a disturbance. Matter mediated by patrol.

June 24 — Deputies responded to 52 Lakeside Drive in Pawling for a subject who was threatening his mother in violation of a Dutchess County Family Court Order of protection. Colin Souter, age 31, was charged with Criminal Contempt in the second degree and is to appear in the

Town of Pawling Court at a later date.

June 25 — Deputies arrested Christopher T. Vinson, age 43, who turned himself in on a warrant for Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the third degree. Vinson was issued an appearance ticket returnable to the Town of Pawling Court at a later date.

PLEASE NOTE: All subjects arrested and charged are alleged to have committed the crime and are presumed innocent until proven guilty and are to appear in local courts later.

If you have any information relative to the aforementioned criminal cases, or any other suspected criminal activity please contact the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office tip line at 845-605-CLUE (2583) or email dcsotips@gmail.com. All information will be kept confidential.

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